

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA WAIVING
VILLAGE PERMIT FEES FOR SOLAR PANELS; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne (the “Village”) recognizes the importance of developing and using alternative energies, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council acknowledges that photovoltaic solar energy offers many potential benefits, including: lower electricity costs for homeowners, businesses, and the Village of Key Biscayne; reduced dependence on imported, depleting and polluted fuels; pollution-free electricity generation; reduced water use; and contribution to a more resilient electric grid; and

WHEREAS, increased solar-generated electricity, including customer-sited systems on residential and commercial properties, is vital to maximize the utilization of Florida’s abundance of sunlight; and

WHEREAS, photovoltaic solar panels (“solar panels”) offer a renewable energy measure that can be implemented by individual residents and businesses alike within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council acknowledges that financial constraints may deter Village residents and local businesses from installing solar panels on their property; and

WHEREAS, in its commitment to the preservation and enhancement to encourage prudent sustainability practices of the Village environment, the Village desires to incentivize the use of solar panels in the Village by waiving Village permit fees; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is necessary for the preservation of the environment, public health, safety and welfare of the Village’s residents.

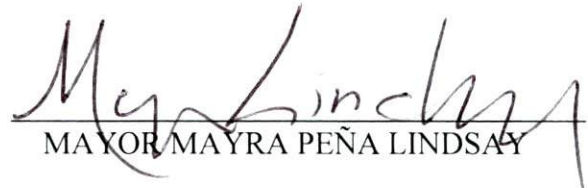
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Waiving Permit Fees for Solar Panels. The Village Council hereby waives the Village permit fees for solar panels. Any outside agency required fee charges are still required to be paid.

Section 3. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 24th day of October, 2017.


MAYOR MAYRA PEÑA LINDSAY

ATTEST:


JENNIFER DUQUE, CMC
VILLAGE CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


VILLAGE ATTORNEY